'Tis the Season

The holidays are easy to get swept into—Cyber Monday sales, holiday events, and the rush of everything happening at once. At the Walla Walla YMCA, we're focused on staying true to our mission and offering **well-being to you, your neighbors, and the Walla Walla community.**

This season, we invite you to keep coming back to **your Y** — not just as a place to move your body, but as a space to connect, focus, and recharge. It's where you can take time for yourself *and* strengthen the community around you. **Enjoy the season at the Y**.

Donations Make Y Programs Possible

The Valley Giving Guide is open for donations all month long. When you give to the Y through the Valley Giving Guide, your dollars come directly to the Y, and they are eligible for extra dollars through a $10,000 match and other bonuses.

At the Y, your support goes straight to the heart of our mission. Where member dues keep the lights on, it's the generosity of donors like you who make it possible for children to attend afterschool programs, teens to find and become mentors, and adults to access programs as part of their wellness journey.

Thank you for supporting the Y through the **Valley Giving Guide** this season. Prefer to write a check instead of donating online? Checks made to **VGG - YMCA** and delivered to the Y Membership desk before Dec 31 will be delivered to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation for you. Thank you.
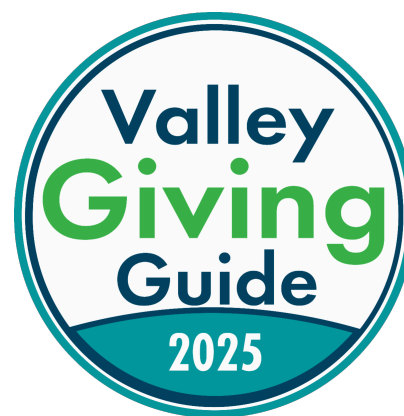
You've Been Busy Elves

Thank you, Santa's helpers, for your support of the **Salvation's Army Giving Tree.** The children's gift tags that we hung on the Y's lobby tree were gobbled up before Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts have started to arrive.

Please **return gifts with their gift tags by December 15** and the Y will make sure that they are delivered in time for the holidays. Thank you for helping spread joy to local children this holiday season.

Y Punch Cards

And speaking of Christmas gifts, we have the perfect stocking stuffer for that family member or friend who has always wanted to experience all that the Y offers.

Y punch cards are good for seven visits to the Y, and during the month of December they are **only $25 (a 50% savings)**. Be a secret Santa to a friend with the gift of the Y.

Tree Trimming Tuesday

As we deck the halls indoors we will be sprucing up the Y outdoors on **Tuesday, December 9**. A professional tree service firm will be on site pruning the Y's 50 trees. We will be marking off different sections of the parking lot throughout the day for your safety and that of our tree-trimming team.
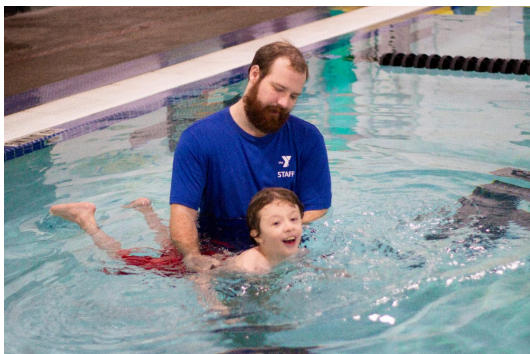
New Year's Swim Lessons

Registration is open for 2026 swim lessons for youth ages 4-12. Lessons provide training for all skill levels; from those just getting comfortable in the water to those who can swim freestyle.
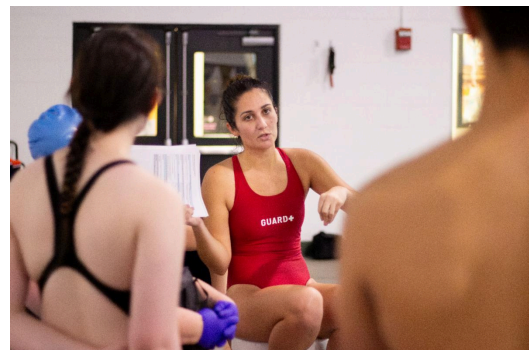
Swim Instructor Training

For those who are older and eager to become a certified swim instructor, the Y offers American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Training.

Classes run from January 19 - January 24 from 4-8PM. Available for ages 15+. Click the button for more info.

Classes are held twice a week from January 5 - January 29. To register, click the button below.

Swim Lessons   **WSI Training**

Schedule Update: December Lap Swim

Starting next week, additional weekday lap swim hours are available from 1:00 - 2:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Afterschool Activities

The Action Zone will be hosting a selection of activities in the new year, including:

Chess (ages 7-10) | Get familiar with the classic game, learn strategy and think three moves ahead of the competition. Classes are January 6 - February 5 on Tues/Thur.

Survival Minecraft (Ages 7-11) | Learn problem solving, practice teamwork and flex your creativity in the world of Minecraft. Classes are January 5 - February 4 on Mon/Wed.

Youth Programs

In the Community
Local opportunities for family-friendly fun

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